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## **APPLICATION OF**

**WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY  
AND SHENANDOAH GAS DIVISION  
OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY**

**CASE NO. PUE-2002-00364**

**For a general increase in natural gas  
rates and charges and approval of  
performance-based rate regulation  
methodology pursuant to  
Va. Code § 56-235.6**

## **HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**July 31, 2002**

On June 14, 2002, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or the "Company") and the Shenandoah Gas Division ("Shenandoah") of WGL (collectively, the "Companies") filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase the rates and charges for natural gas service for the Companies and merge the rates, terms and conditions, and purchased gas charges ("PGCs") of WGL and Shenandoah. The application also seeks approval of an incentive program.

On July 30, 2002, the Commission Staff, by counsel, filed a Motion to Compel Access to Board Minutes. The Staff requests access to WGL's Board of Directors' Minutes for the annual periods ending December 31, 2000, and December 31, 2001. The Staff audit team has been advised that it would be given access only to a redacted copy of the Board of Directors' Minutes for WGL. Counsel for WGL advised Staff that a small amount of information that in WGL's view was not related to the Companies' regulated operations was being excised from the minutes. Staff argues that in the past it has been given complete access to the Companies' Board of Directors' Minutes, which has been a valuable informational resource.

I find WGL should be given an opportunity to respond to the Staff's Motion. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED** that WGL shall file its response to the Staff Motion to Compel Access to Board Minutes on or before August 8, 2002.

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Deborah V. Ellenberg  
Chief Hearing Examiner